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INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FIANCÉ (E) VISA APPLICANTS

Dear Applicant,

The U.S. Consulate General, Lagos is ready to proceed with your fiancé (e) visa application. After you have paid your fee and scheduled your appointment, you will come for your interview. Please review the following information carefully as you prepare for your interview.

The following are <u>required</u> for the visa interview.

- **Form DS-160:** Fill out the online DS-160 visa application by following the instructions at https://ceac.state.gov/GenNIV/Default.aspx
 - o Print and keep the DS-160 confirmation barcode page.
- <u>Visa Fee</u>: \$265 must be paid at any branch of Guaranty Trust Bank PLC in Nigeria. Be sure to keep the payment receipt number.
- <u>Schedule the interview</u>: You must schedule your visa interview appointment by following the instructions at http://www.ustraveldocs.com. You will need your payment receipt number to schedule the interview.
- <u>International Passport</u>: Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months past your interview date.
- <u>Affidavit of Support (including tax returns)</u>: Applicants may be asked to provide an Affidavit of Support (Form I-134– http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/i-134.pdf and an IRS Tax Return).
 - Check the poverty guidelines here if the petitioner makes LESS than the minimum for their Household size, they MUST get a joint sponsor to also submit an Affidavit of Support along with their most recent tax return.
- Medical Exam: Arrange for a medical examination by one of the physicians listed below. You are responsible for paying for the medical exam. The medical exam is only valid for six (6) months, and must be valid in order for you to travel to the U.S. It is recommended that you get the medical exam 2 weeks before your interview date. A medical exam is required for all applicants, regardless of age.

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• <u>Police Certificate</u>: Applicants age 16 or older must submit a police certificate for ALL countries in which they have resided for more than one year after reaching age 16. If you have ever lived or studied in another country for more than

one year, you MUST get a police report from that country. The police certificate must have been issued less than 1 year ago.

Please follow these instructions to facilitate the issuance of your Nigerian Police Clearance Certificate.

- Submit your passport in person to the Nigerian Police Service commission at <u>Alagbon</u> Close, <u>Ikoyi</u> Lagos.
- Pay the required fee and take the receipt to the Office of Inspector General at <u>Alagbon</u> Close, <u>Ikoyi</u>, <u>Lagos</u>.
- Collect your Nigerian Police Clearance Certificate and take it to your visa interview. The certificate should be ready in approximately two weeks, but please allow time for unforeseen delays.
- Passport Photos: showing the applicant's full face, on a white background. The required size is typical for passports: 1½ inches by 1½ inches (5 cm x 5 cm). For more detailed information on photo requirements, please visit: http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/info/info_3746.html.
- Original Documents: Bring evidence that will support your case (Bring a photocopy of all original documents) including, but not limited to:
 - Marriage certificates
 - Birth certificates
 - Divorce certificates
 - Adoption decrees
 - Death certificates
 - Photographs of you and the petitioner together at various times in your relationship
- Other Supporting Documents: Bring evidence of the ongoing relationship you have with the applicant, including, but not limited to:
 - Photographs
 - Chat logs from social media (DO NOT print them in a word document they MUST be printed directly from the site)
 - Phone records showing both phone numbers and duration of call
 - Email correspondence (DO NOT print them in a word document)
- <u>Court and Immigration Records</u>: If you have been convicted of a crime or other offense, in the United States or elsewhere, obtain a certified court record covering each offense. If you previously resided in the U.S., you are encouraged to bring evidence of your immigration status during your stay, and records of any previous U.S. visa extensions and deportations that would be relevant for review.

After the Interview

The Consulate cannot guarantee any applicant will receive a visa on the day of his interview. Decisions are based on many factors. Even if the Consulate determines you are eligible for a visa, visa issuance can be delayed for a variety of reasons. Applicants are strongly advised against giving up your job, disposing of property, or buying plane tickets until the passport and visa have been collected by the applicant. If you are granted the visa at the time of your interview, your passport and visa will be ready for pickup approximately 10 business days after the interview. Please note that due to the high volume of visas we process and several other logistical necessities; we are- unable to expedite printing of visas.

Sincerely,

Immigrant Visa Section U.S. Consulate General, Lagos